

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A lanyard comprising:
a lanyard cord, the lanyard cord having a first end and a second end; and a web end removably attached to the first and second ends of the lanyard cord, the web end defining opposing ends joined together by a central portion and at least one hinge, each of the opposing ends having an inner wall surface with a plurality of pin pockets extending inwardly thereof, and a plurality of pins extending outwardly therefrom, from the opposing ends, each pin having a pin tip, wherein the plurality of pin tips pins of one end of the opposing ends operatively engaging mate with the plurality of pin pockets of the other end of the opposing ends when the opposing ends are brought together to trap and secure the first and second ends of the lanyard cord therebetween; and
an attachment member removably mounted to the central portion of the web end, the attachment member defining a loop for mounting an object to the lanyard.
2. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 1, wherein the web end further includes a plurality of locking tabs and recesses to permit the opposing ends to snap fit together.
3. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 2, wherein the central portion defines an aperture for receiving the attachment member.
4. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 3, wherein the first and second ends of the lanyard cord are placed between the plurality of pins and pin pockets.
5. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 4, wherein the web end includes a pair of hinges positioned on opposing sides of the central portion.

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6. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 5, wherein the web end further includes a plurality of stabilizing ribs and rib recesses.

7. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of pins define a pin tip, each of the pins extending through the first and second ends of the lanyard cord and each of the pin tips operatively engaging the pin pockets to secure the first and second ends onto the web end.

8. (Currently Amended) A lanyard comprising:

a cord, the cord having a first end and a second end;

a one-piece clip for joining the first and second ends of the cord together, the clip defining opposing ends joined together by at least one hinge, each of the opposing ends of the clip having an inner wall surface with a plurality of pin pockets extending inwardly thereof, and a plurality of pins extending outwardly therefrom, wherein the plurality of pockets are positioned adjacent to [[a]] the plurality of pins, the plurality of pins and pin pockets securing together the first and second ends of the cord, wherein each of the plurality of pins define a pin tip, each of the pin tips extending through the first and second ends of the cord and each of the pin tips operatively mating with the pin pockets to secure the first and second ends onto the clip; and

an attachment member removably mounted to the clip for mounting an object to the lanyard.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The lanyard as set forth in claim [[9]] 8, wherein the clip further includes a plurality of locking tabs and recesses to permit the opposing ends to snap fit together.

11. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 8, wherein the clip further includes a central portion that defines an aperture for receiving the attachment member.

12. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 8, wherein the first and second ends of the cord are placed between the plurality of pins and pin pockets.

13. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 11, wherein the clip includes a pair of hinges.

14. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 13, wherein the clip further includes a plurality of stabilizing ribs and rib recesses.

15. (Original) The lanyard as set forth in claim 11, wherein the attachment member defines a loop and a projection, the projection operatively engaging the aperture in the central portion.

16. (Currently Amended) A clip for use with a lanyard comprising:
a foldable, one-piece clip body, the clip body defining an inner surface, an outer surface, and opposing ends, the opposing ends joined together by at least one hinge and a central portion, each of the opposing ends on the inner surface having a plurality of pin pockets extending inwardly thereof and being positioned in close proximity to a plurality of pins extending outwardly from the inner surface, each pin having a pin tip, wherein the plurality of pins pin tips on one end of the opposing ends operatively engaging mate with the plurality of pin pockets on the other end of the opposing ends when the opposing ends are brought together to trap and secure first and second ends of a cord placed therebetween, the opposing ends further including a plurality of locking tabs and recesses for snap fitting together the opposing ends of the foldable clip body when the opposing ends are brought together, such that as one or both of the first and second ends of the cord are pulled or placed under an applied tension, each pin will have a tendency to bend about its respective base until the pin is prevented from bending any further on account of operative interaction with an inner wall of the associated pocket, thereby preventing the ends of the cord from being pulled out of the web under an applied tension.

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17. (Original) The clip as set forth in claim 16, wherein the clip body includes a pair of hinges positioned on opposing sides of the central portion.

18. (Original) The clip as set forth in claim 16, wherein the clip body includes a plurality of stabilizing ribs and rib recesses.

19. (Original) The clip as set forth in claim 17, wherein the central portion defines an opening through the clip body.

20. (Currently Amended) The clip as set forth in claim 16, wherein the plurality of pins are conical shaped and each define a pin tip for operatively engaging the pin pockets.

21. (New) The clip as set forth in claim 16, further comprising an attachment member mounted to the central portion for attaching an object to the lanyard.